Poetry Writing Assignment Number Four: CIRCLE POEMS

A Circle Poem is about a single person place or thing. It is made up of one-word lines.

The title “triggers” the first line of the poem. The first line “triggers” the second, and so on. At the end of the poem, the last line “circles” around, referencing the title in some way.

The goal in writing a circle poem is surprise. Try to think of unexpected connections between your lines.

Each word should be separated by an asterisk. This slows the reader down, forcing them to think carefully about how your lines are connected.

Here is an example by Matt Horn, an eighth grader:

**PENCIL**

Yellow

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Speed bump

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School Bus

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Math class

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Boredom

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Doodle

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Yankee

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Union

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duo

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Batman/Robin

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Sidekick

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*Your assignment: Write two circle poems. Try to use the element of surprise. Give your reader a kind of “a ha” moment as the realize the connection between your lines.*